Number of disabled persons

†*377. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of disabled persons of all categories in the country;

(b) the number of the disabled persons in Jharkhand; and

(c) the provision made by Government for getting latest position of the number of disabled persons in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to Census 2001, there were 2.19 crores persons with disabilities in the country of whom 4.48 lakhs were in Jharkhand.

(c) The data will be updated in the next census in 2011.

Opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

*378. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 28 new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) have been approved to be opened in the country during the current year;

(b) if so, the number of JNVs proposed to be opened in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that all the existing JNVs do not have classes from 1st Standard to 12th Standard;

(d) if so, the details of such JNVs in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) the reasons for not accommodating higher secondary sections in JNVs; and

(f) the number of JNVs in Andhra Pradesh which have permanent school buildings and computer facilities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. During the year 2006-07, the Government had approved the proposal for opening 28 new Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs).

There are 22 JNVs functioning in as many districts of Andhra Pradesh. Only one district in Andhra Pradesh, i.e., Hyderabad does not have a JNV as the district has no rural population.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. As per the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme, the entry point in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas is Class-VI and higher classes gets added up every year as the students of a class get promoted, subject to availability of accommodation. All the 22 Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh, have higher Secondary Sections.

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(f) All 22 JNVs established in Andhra Pradesh have permanent buildings and computer facilities.

Opening of IITs and IIMs

†*379. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to open new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), in order to encourage higher studies;

(b) if so, the details of such institutes that would be opened, State-wise; and

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address delivered to the Nation on the occasion of the 60th Independence Day has, *inter-alia*, announced the setting up of eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). Based on the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister under the Chaimanship of Prof. C.N.R. Rao, the Government have already decided to establish three new IITs, one each in Bihar in the East, Rajasthan in the West and Andhra Pradesh in the South, during the Eleventh Plan period. Decision on the location of the remaining Institutes has not yet been taken.

Digitization of study material

*380. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to digitize the study material for higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what would be the financial implications for this scheme;

(d) which would be the nodal agencies to select the relevant material for digitization; and

(e) whether the scheme would also include the periodicals, as it may involve recurrent cost?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) A scheme to develop curriculum based video courses and web-based e-courses, called the National Programme for Technology Enhanced Learning

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